

Women's Bible Study

John 11:45-12:11

1. Referring back to verses 25-26 and vs. 40, what 'clues' are you given that although the Pharisees and high priests can acknowledge the miracle of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead—yet they still will NOT recognize him to be the Messiah? (See also Matthew 13:14-15)

2. From verses 47-48, who do the Pharisees and the high priests believe is really in control here? Yet what is actually true about the length of Jesus' life, and the timing of his death? (John 10:17-18)

3. In what way did the chief priests and Pharisees' decision to plot and kill Jesus affect his method of ministry at that time?

4. What was Caiphas's reasoning as to why putting Jesus to death would be better off for the Jews rather than letting him live? (Verse 48) Yet how did his 'prophecy' (verse 50) actually come true—though in the way that God intended it to be? (Romans 5:8-9)

5. Reflect on what Lazarus, Mary, Martha, as well as Jesus' followers, were feeling and thinking at that dinner to honor Jesus after he raised Lazarus from the dead... Have you experienced some of the same things after you obtained new life in Christ—by faith?

6. What meaning does Jesus give to Mary's lavish act of pouring out the perfume upon him and how did Judas view this same act?

7. What personal encouragement can you receive today from the truths of this passage about God's sovereign plan for Jesus not being (in any way) thwarted nor overcome by sinful men?